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On dozens of occasions this year we have forgone the use of our editorial space, not because we thought we had nothing to say, or even that someone was saying something more important. We did this because we believed there to be an ethical contract between ourselves and students. Our volunteering our time for the tedious aspects of campus coverage and services such as hyde parks, letters and classifieds, was presumed to be a trade-off for the margin of freedom from advertising which student fees provide, and which represents a third of our budget.

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"I find it offensive that I worked hard but got dismissed for my volunteer labour."

Anna Asimakopulos

"Boner to ya!"

Yvonne Bayer

Layout & design co-ordinator

"I have mixed emotions... all of them negative. I'm pissed-off, insulted, and quite sad. I'm surprised that it came to this. I do not, however, regret any minute of the 2 1/2 years I put into the *Daily*."

Robert Costain

"So — 1500 of you hate the *Daily*! And you were given the easiest possible way to show it — you marked an X in a little box. Next time you want to change something maybe you'll find a better way to go about it."

Maggie de Vries

"There are 58 jobs available. I want to know which of the 1562 people are going to fill them."

Kristina Stockwood
News editor elect (?)

"You could have worked with us but you chose to impeach us. Good luck to those who think they can change the world by destroying it first."

Cameron Eckert
and Monica Vetter
Science editors

"Science has now known sin."

Michael Finkelstein
Science editor-elect

"What am I going to do? I've lost my role models for wacky hair colour. HA!"

Randy Fisher

"We can't be like Marcos because none of us has a wardrobe like Imelda's. Anyway, since I've been relieved of my volunteer job, maybe I'll pass my courses."

Carlene Gardner

"Roses are red,
Tories are blue,
McCarthy makes a comeback,
with over 1,500 of you."

Mike Gordon
ex- Supplement editor

"This re-affirms everything I've ever thought about humanity. The lengths people will go to in order to eradicate individualism astounds me."

Joe Heath

" $E=mc^2$ was a radical concept when it was introduced."

Hanka Hulsbosch
Layout & design co-ordinator

"I feel just a bit like Christa MacAuliffe... We were just beginning to go places, and ...oops!"

Jamie Kneen

"I still say Reagan is dead."

M. Fred Méthot

"Freedom of the press is an illusion. Lunch doubly so."

J. Peter Nixon

"I'm surprised how so many people who opposed the *Daily* could hide behind accusations of irresponsibility, racism, and anti-Semitism. Face it, we have been impeached for political reasons. Students should take this seriously."

"Thanks to the 989 who supported us."

Adam Quastel
News editor

"The *Daily* was the best thing about McGill. It was flawed, because it consisted of human beings; but they were the most honest, hard-working, compassionate and clear-eyed human beings it has ever been my privilege to know and work with."

Ines Tewfik

"I returned and looked upon the earth, and the race was not to the swift nor yet the battle to the strong, but time and chance happened to them all." *Ecclesiastes*

Guy Thompson & other

"Contempt is too nice a word for what I feel towards the initiators of this referendum, the petty politicians who promoted it, and the purblind fools who voted yes."

Colin Tomlins

"We got impeached because we were too moderate. Fuck the bourgeoisie!"

Pierre Tordjman

"I'm categorically opposed to saying obnoxious things in newspapers, but this makes me feel like being obnoxious. Fuck you all"

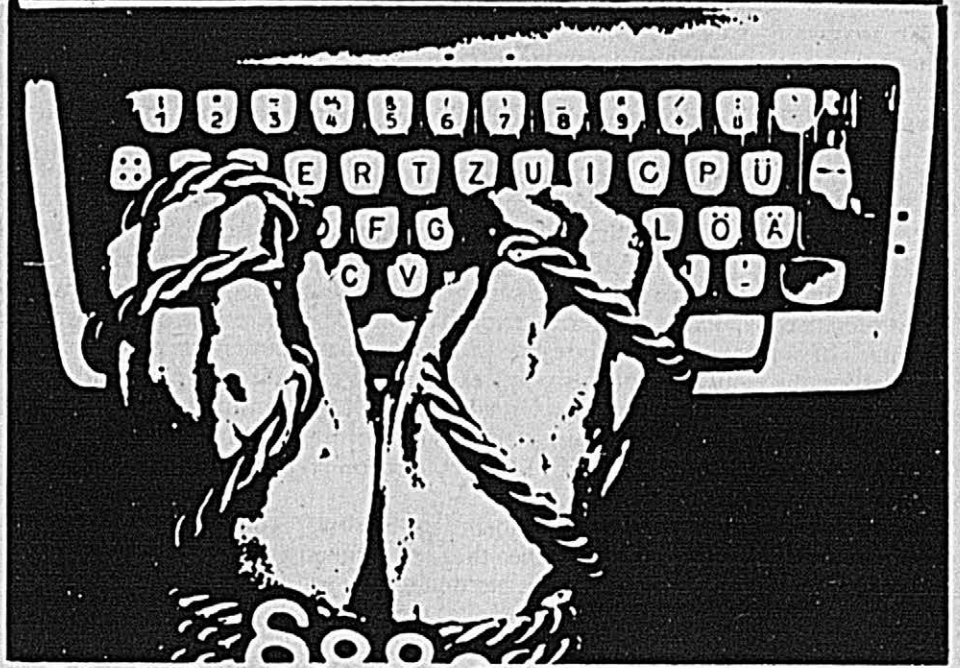
Donald Weikart

"I apologize. I should not have expected better from a university which would rather keep poor people out than hear their grievances. I'm only glad we've managed to inconvenience those who want to ignore injustice for the sake of 'bettering themselves.'"

Brendan Weston
Senior news editor

"I thought witch-burnings ended in the 16th century."

Melinda Wittstock
Editor in chief



Before deciding on the fate of the staff of the *Daily*, the student body ought to have been aware of certain things.

A student newspaper staff is not elected to provide students with a mirror in which they may gaze at their own reflection. Nor is it there to promote those viewpoints which the majority already agree with.

If it has any purpose, it is to challenge readers and to provide an educative and informative function. It is by these criteria that the *Daily* staff ought to have been judged — we would not have been found wanting.

Let us make no mistake as to what the vote for dismissing the staff means. It means that the staff failed to keep silent about the misogyny in the *Olde Engineering Songbook*. It means that the staff had the conviction to put out a Palestinian issue, a Gay & Lesbian issue, a Disarmament issue, and a Women's issue — knowing full well the animosity these would generate. It means the staff rejected the demands of those people who stormed into the office ordering staff to do any variety of things. It means that the staff believes that decisions should be made by those who are willing to work on the paper rather than by the self-appointed representatives of various interests.

In short, the staff of the *McGill Daily* was impeached for democratically exercising editorial autonomy.

The campaign which has recently come to an end would have it that the staff consists of racist and anti-semitic, authoritarian left-wingers intent only upon denying the right of McGill students to participate on the paper. Granting at least a modicum of fairness and good intentions to those who voted, we can most charitably say that the "yes" committee was successful in its disinformation campaign.

If, on the other hand, the vote represents a real consensus on the part of McGill students that progressive ideas should not be seen in a campus newspaper, we accept the argument that we have contempt for the McGill campus.

The staff are far from being the monolithic group-mind our detractors would have you believe. There is, however, one thing we all have in common: the belief that we live in a society which is essentially unjust, and that as an institution, the university helps perpetuate this injustice.

It is not the role of this staff to develop programmatic solutions to this injustice, but to identify it and provide a forum in which possible solutions can be aired.

Insofar as we have done this, we have every right to feel satisfied with our performance. Were we able to travel backwards in time to early September, we would have produced essentially the same papers. We have little to apologize for, save for ever tempering our criticisms for the sake of expedience.

For some time, the gist of dissatisfaction with the *Daily* has been our refusal to simply reiterate prevalent opinions. We are insulted by the idea that we should be considered a mirror in which McGill students can view themselves without being disturbed with what is happening around them. We will not be a party to those who insist on revelling in the stench of their own narcissism.

Staff of the McGill Daily

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"To all those who voted for Impeachment: how does it feel to be the tool of the neo-conservative trend across North America which seeks to suppress outlooks and opinions different from its own and has targeted the university press as mediums for unacceptable thought?"
Marian McNair

"Thanks to all those who supported us, you can't please them all. The rest of you; have a nice day."
Phinjo Gombu



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Rhetoric & responsibility

President Marcos declared martial law to extend his tyrannical reign over the people of the Philippines an extra eight years. During this time he slandered, arrested, tortured and assassinated his political opponents, many of whom were students, and amassed a huge personal fortune.

He frequently paid rhetorical tribute to the merits of democracy, while monopolizing a TV channel, gerrymandering ridings, censoring media, buying votes and employing outright election fraud, all with the support of the United States. He left only after a faction of the military withdrew support for him, and the U.S. guaranteed his safety and plunder.

The staff of this newspaper have been likened to this man by certain members of the Students' Society executive and a supposedly 'neutral' ombudsman.

To be accused of this by individuals who have bargained in bad faith, who have used institutional blackmail to silence a body for fulfilling its role of criticizing student government, who vote themselves summer jobs and cause massive hikes in our fees is of course, hypocrisy. But more seriously, it should raise serious questions in the minds of students as to the integrity of those we have chosen for power.

I question the motivation of this year's executive of excluding the possibility of their own instant recall by student referendum in the MSS constitution. These individuals are too cowardly to permit freedom of information or allow us to affect their own constitution or fees by SIR, yet they feel no compulsion in taking a cheap shot at staff. They can afford to.

Some of these same hypocrites have labelled us "racists," while doing nothing to fight racism in their entire lives. Rather they have unhesitatingly accepted every privilege proffered by rich, white skin. No doubt they will be as quick to claim a victory as they were to slander, and all with as much understanding of the process as Pavlovian dogs.

That the ballots were impounded at the request of both the staff and the student representatives on the DPS Board of Directors, as was pointed out in the *Tribune*, should be enough to dismiss such accusations.

But to merely say that justice was served because the due process was carried out would, I believe, be fallacious. The campaign accusations of the "Yes" committee were, in the opinion of the DPS lawyer, libelous and slanderous. The DPS lawyer is not the editors' lawyer, nor is he the staff lawyer. Rather, he is the impartial lawyer of the corporation of all those who pay fees to the *Daily*.

It is hardly surprising the initiators found a lawyer willing to argue differently — that is their function. But this does not put the claims on equal footing and therefore a matter of no consideration to the judicial committee, as was ruled. Nor could anyone reasonably maintain that a slanderous disinformation campaign would cause no harm under the circumstances.

The committee's ruling was, I believe, a political decision more than a legal one. If this sounds simply like sour grapes, consider the future implications of such a decision. For what the DPS judicial committee has ruled makes it possible to run a libelous and slanderous campaign without fear of retribution, save in a court of law — a process requiring thousands of dollars and several months if not years.

If your target does not have the money, or you do not have the money to lose, a virtual carte blanche has been established for accusations to be made without regard for fairness.

It is interesting that those who are willing to pontificate on democracy and make accusations of irresponsibility should be so ignorant of the basic responsibilities which accompany the democratic process.

It is also a tribute to the success of the immature and hypocritical.

Brendan Weston

Ahh... McGill spirit

Ah, McGill. Welcome to one of Canada's finest, best-known, and most celebrated universities.

Welcome to "a community of scholars", an open forum for ideas, a place to grow and learn, a place where people get together to talk, share ideas, and form and express opinions. Thanks McGill.

Welcome to the first Canadian university to fully divest its funds from South Africa under the pressure of a concerned, informed, open-minded student body that so typically embodies the McGill spirit. Thanks, McGill.

And welcome to McGill, one of the first campuses to impeach the staff of its student press. Thanks McGill. In democratic fervour, clamouring for free-speech and freedom of the press, McGill students impeached 50 other students who were fighting for exactly the same thing. Good move, everyone. Nice attitude: if you don't like something, kill it. Thanks McGill.

Thanks for showing us all that hypocrisy is a disease that can strike everyone, not just those over 50 and/or those in politics. And thanks for showing us what we're fighting. God forbid that you should all think objectively about what we and other students have been saying since Stephen Leacock founded the *McGill Daily* 75 years ago; our society might be a different place, and we wouldn't want that, would we?

Think about what you've done, and if you find yourself gloating, don't go into politics; the world doesn't need any more people like you.

To those who voted against the impeachment for whatever reason, thank you (and I mean that sincerely this time); at least there are a few people who think about the consequences of their right to exercise their vote in our democratic system.

Well McGill, I hope you're proud. You faced something that challenged your thoughts but instead of taking the challenge, you destroyed it. That's good sportsmanship. Way to go, team! But I must confess, you make me sick, and sad. Must be your poorly thought out game plan, I guess, and your overly aggressive, badly equipped team. You won, but look again team: the joke's on you. You lost a lot more than you gained.

Hanka Hulsbosch

Objectivity?

There is a myth about objectivity that I have disliked and which I would like to clarify.

It is thought that objectivity is a virtue and that it is possible for us to observe from outside, without being sucked into the inside.

We praise people for being objective, we commend the media for being objective, we applaud the impartial arbitrator, we approve the objective this and we acclaim the objective that. In other words we have an obsession with the objective.

My concern is that a lot of the time, the notion of the objective is misunderstood. It is often accepted blindly and thus prevents one from taking positions on issues of concern.

All around me I see the consequences of objectivity and I am frightened. Rather than ensuring justice there is only injustice. Objectivity is the mask behind which the passivity of those who wish not to take positions is hidden.

Commitment to an issue, and the desire to see it through all the way, requires effort. I sense around me that certain things are wrong. At the same time I have faith that only a desire to act on my part can bring about the righting of the wrong.

Objectivity then, benefits only those who have everything to lose. This is because objectivity supports the status quo and makes us believe that the past is not to be put to question, and that all that counts is the present as it stands; that this must be our starting point. It seeks to make us believe that what is the past need not count.

The contention is that commitment to a belief and the desire to act on behalf of it is the only way to effect social change. What this means is involvement. Objectivity tries to convince me of a myth I have long ceased believing in — that the status quo is right.

My 'opinionated view' is then better than no view. It is at least a starting point from which something can happen. At the same time I hope that I am still open to other positions. But for now what is important is that I have taken a position. For if I don't, I will never have begun.

Phinjo Gombu-Sherpa

LECH MORGAN B.S.

Communism



P.C.

By Johnny Hart/less



Silence isn't the answer

What happens when people hear about all the terrible things that are going on in the world today? They try to destroy the purveyor of bad news.

In ancient Greece, the runner who brought news of defeat in battle was put to death. But the runner, who knew he would be killed if he brought bad news, had an obligation to inform the people.

In modern times, one would not expect this to happen. However, some McGill students have decided to get rid of the people who have invaded their comfortable world with stories of social injustice — the staff of the *McGill Daily*.

The *Daily* informed the student population of social injustice, racism, sexism, homophobia and other crimes against humanity; but some did not want to hear about it. Instead of devoting their time to something productive, some of these people decided to impeach the *McGill Daily*.

Not everyone can be held responsible for the actions of these few; many just do not care. Unfortunately, everyone will suffer. It is too bad that some people refuse to acknowledge that we are not still in Ancient Greece.

For those who voted against us: wake up to the fact that life is not as perfect as we would like it to be. Don't silence the voices of those who are trying to change the world; they are only trying to change it for the better.

Kristina Stockwood

Message d'une destituée

Des vacances forcées de quelques jours, quelques semaines... De la discrimination politique... Une situation financière délicate, plutôt difficile...

1500 étudiants se "débarassent" du "staff" du *Daily*. Mais combien d'entre eux prendront en charge le fonctionnement du journal, écriront des articles, feront de la mise en page...? La plupart, certains, peu, aucun? Où sera cet ancien Staff du *Daily*, retravaillera-t-il au journal, dans un requiem d'énergie et de convictions?

Un avertissement pour le Staff destitué? Oui et non... La situation changera-t-elle? Peut-être, mais au nom du perte de temps absurde.

Qui écope de la responsabilité? Les quatre représentants des étudiants du comité d'administration du *Daily*. Ils perdront des heures à sélectionner cinq personnes pour former le comité intérimaire. C'est eux qui porteront sur leur conscience, le futur du *Daily*, au lieu du Staff destitué.

Marie-Nathalie Leblanc

Politics with respect

We support the *Daily's* politics and its role as an agent of social change. We recognize, however, that these beliefs have unfortunately been associated with alienating the student body. We believe the method rather than the politics have been responsible for this alienation: in the paper's desire to effect change and its vehement desire to influence readers, it has worked itself into a state of self-righteousness. An accompanying scorn for those lacking similar strength of conviction has crept repeatedly into its pages.

The McGill student body is tremendously apathetic, yet among the apathetic are those who will listen. It is to these people that the *Daily* must address itself; and must hold in high regard. It is not the *Daily's* responsibility to reflect the entire student body, but those who care to listen and sympathise should be treated with respect. In order for writers to effect change and influence people, readers should be held in the same regard as the ideals to be communicated.

This respect must also be extended to those with whom *Daily* staff have philosophical differences, at least until such a time as those people prove by their actions undeserving of such respect.

We do not consider this impeachment a mandate for the *Daily* to change its political beliefs. We believe it is rather a demand that these valid ideals of social change and responsibility which constitute the *Daily's* core be communicated with respect; that the *Daily* agitate the student body through ideas rather than insult, by activating minds rather than tempers.

Donald Weikert

Amy Kaler

Vive le Québec libre

Now is the time for a more radical-extremist popular francophone liberation movement to reject the unbearable situation of the hegemony of an anglophone university in Quebec.

Especially now, because it seems that this university is heading for the private status of a 'superior anglophone university,' thus accepting fewer francophones.

Now is the time when the francophones ought to unite and oppose this hegemony. For this, the francophones of McGill, of Québec, must abandon their place in the English bourgeoisie, in which too many of them have indulged, trading it off against the independence of Québec and blaming it on their "complex of the colonised."

This is clearly unacceptable, because it is a mere state of prostitution to a system set up by some old English aristocracy. We must organize ourselves in movements protesting this North American system, which clones perfect addicts through institutions such as McGill University.

L'heure est venue de mettre fin à l'hégémonie de cette université anglophone au Québec, et ceci ne peut s'accomplir que grâce à un mouvement radical/extrémiste, un front de libération populaire francophone.

La situation est pressante. Alors que les Etats-Unis s'effondrent dans le conservatisme, McGill tend à la privatisation, préservant ainsi sa position impérialiste et colonialiste au Québec, et renforçant par ce biais son identité anglophone.

Nous devons nous unir et combattre cette hégémonie barbare. Pour cela, nous les francophones de McGill, du Québec devons abandonner cette place dans la bourgeoisie anglaise, qui nous a été échangée contre l'indépendance du Québec, cette place dans laquelle nous nous complaisons, invoquant l'excuse du «complexe du colonisé...»

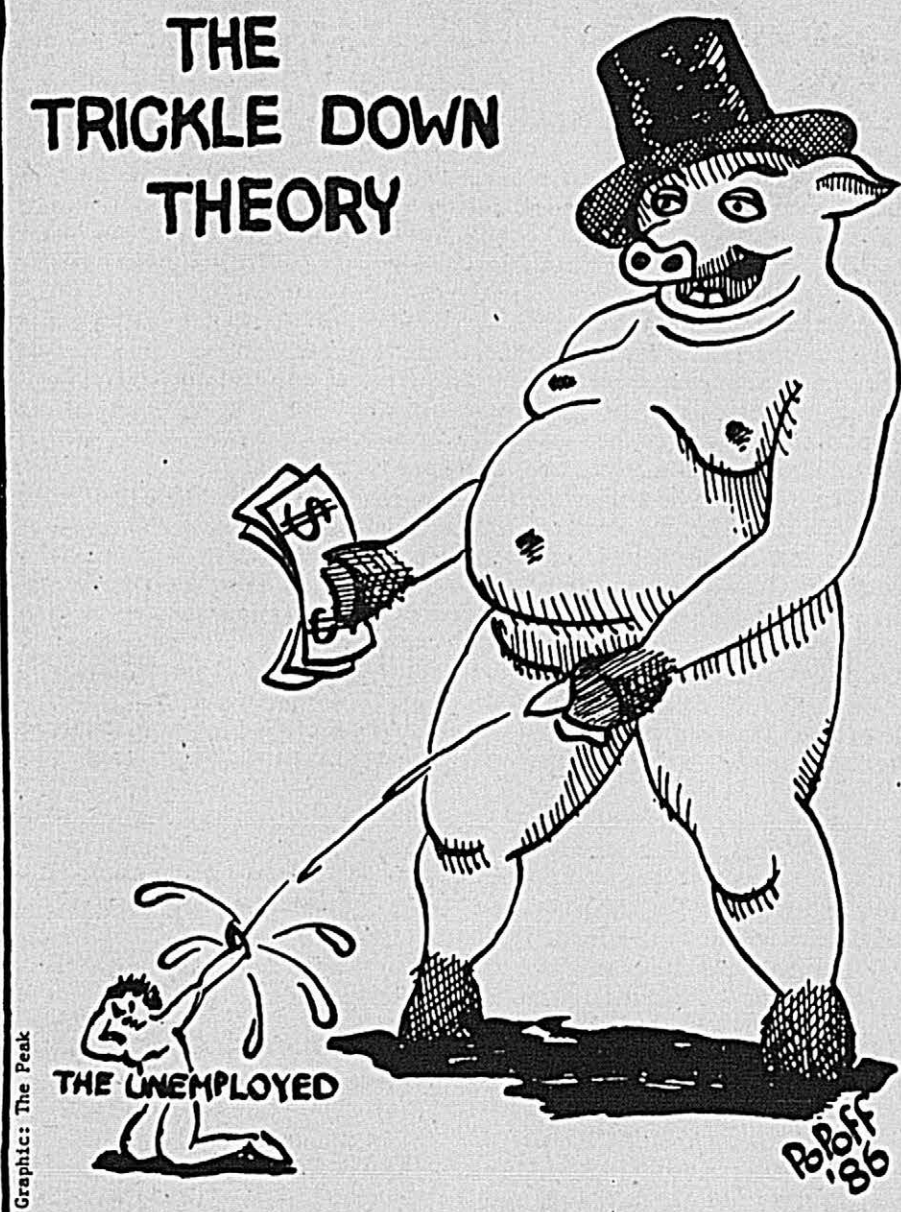
Cette état de prostitution est absolument inacceptable. Nous nous sommes trop longtemps prostitués à ce système instauré par une vieille aristocratie anglaise, qu'il est temps d'enterrer sous nos pavés.

Nous devons dès maintenant nous organiser en mouvements de protestation contre ce système nord-américain, qui clone en nous les gènes d'un futur matérialisme immaculé. Nous devons protester contre la structure de cette université qui ne fait que perpétuer cette dénaturation.

Maintenant que le *Daily* doit recommencer à zéro, il est d'autant plus important que ceux qui sont politiquement concernés par le journal et le problème français à McGill, de venir s'impliquer afin de reviver le mouvement McGill français. En cette période instable nous devons supporter toutes formes de contestation afin d'éliminer le status quo. Francophones de tout McGill, unissez-vous.

Pierre Tordjman

THE TRICKLE DOWN THEORY



Immaturity vs. imagination

Infants need both care and supervision. At this age, they are unable to recognize any needs but their own, living in a state of total egocentrism.

Even in this psychotic state, no laws are necessary to restrain the infant, no punishment other than the approbation of those surrounding it is necessary for the safety of others. The child rebels at this affront to its assumed hegemony over the universe, but if these outbursts are ignored, it eventually realizes its environment is social, and its own desires relative to those of others.

As the child grows, respect for a series of arbitrary rules is inculcated. Instead of taking the needs of others as a yardstick for action, s/he learns to substitute abstract notions of honesty, respect for property or even a supreme deity, to whom all rules can be attributed and deemed unchangeable.

The child is considered irritating if s/he continues to ask 'why?' Eventually s/he will learn to accept the manufactured ethics wholesale. And from the ethical vacuum which ensues, individuals are successively sucked into the atomistic vortex of consumerism, which defines modern society.

At each stage creativity and individuality is crushed by the demands of increasingly monstrous bureaucracies of capital and government, with grotesque hierarchies to make a mockery of the claim of equality.

The imagination of freely-associating equal individuals who care about the welfare of those around them is forfeited. In its stead, we accept a system of coercion which is, at best, based on the coercion of denying individuals the basic necessities of life (ie. food, clothing, health care and shelter), and at worst, based upon physical violence and incarceration. Canada is, after all, the most incarcerated population per capita in the world.

How can a society which considers itself advanced continue to rely on such barbaric mechanisms to motivate its people? And how is this insidious crime passed off as the only possible way society could be organized?

While we can undoubtedly identify forces which sustain this psychotic society, we must also recognize that it is, to a great extent, our failure of imagination and the atrophy of our ability to question our environment.

We have no more reason to believe we must be 'managed' by bureaucrats or bosses. This most enduring myth flies in the face of everything from the voluntary system of international mail, which functions despite deep animosity amongst nations, to every cooperative organization which has ever existed.

To reject all forms of oppressive authority is to be an anarchist. To use the term as a perjorative denotes an ignorance of its meaning and a failure of imagination.

It is not a childish whim to desire a society organized without a state. Rather, it is the stunted immaturity of a psychotic society which acquiesces to war and injustice rather than exercise its own imagination.

Brendan Weston

Science questions status quo

In the world of science what *could be* is often more important than what *is*. A great scientist must be a truly radical thinker, prepared to abandon conventional ideas and challenge the status quo of scientific thought. Why must it end there? Why the reluctance to confront our values and lifestyle, the reluctance to enter the world of possibility?

One suspects it is a terrifying place for some people. To live in such a world demands imagination. It demands a readiness to question, challenge, abandon and create. It means not swallowing ideas whole, but tasting and exploring alternatives. This world of possibility collapses when we insist on reinforcing our preconceived notions about the world, when we insist on smashing all that dares to confront these notions and ask what could be.

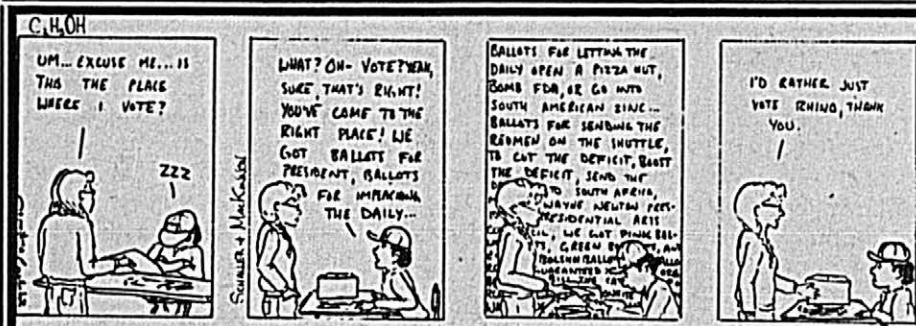
Can we afford to be so arrogant as to assume that we now live in the 'best of all possible worlds?' That the world is profoundly influenced by powerful forces of inertia is a horrifyingly banal observation. One used to harbour hopes that universities would afford a degree of freedom from such mental sloth, but it seems that campuses are no more immune than anywhere else. It is undoubtedly easier to plod carefully along, earnestly focussing on the road at one's feet.

It is uncomfortable but essential to continually question our world. How can we fail to ask why some can speak freely while others are tortured, why some eat while others starve? How can we quietly sit by and watch governments pour billions of dollars into arms while 10,000 people on the streets of Montréal beg for a place to sleep?

The *Daily* has been accused of not representing the views of the majority of the McGill population. This is exactly where the beauty of an autonomous student paper lies. The staff have the freedom to question the status quo and explore the world of possibility. They also have the freedom to fight to make it a reality.

For those who think such questions are unnecessary I suggest you look again. You might think twice about smashing what you disagree with. You may even suspend your mental inertia long enough to consider joining us.

Monica Vetter



Self-righteous harrassment

I have dreamed of going to McGill ever since I heard of it and its reputation, when I was in my early teens. I heard that it had very tough standards, that it only accepted and turned out the best. When I was accepted, I thought that a whole new world had opened up for me, and I was right. Unfortunately, it was to a great extent an ugly, frightening world. A world of smug self-righteousness, of xenophobia, of privileged arrogance and hard-eyed ignorance.

What has happened to the *Daily* should scare all thinking people. A campaign based on lies and libellous accusations was nevertheless allowed to proceed, and resulted in the impeachment of a dedicated and honest staff who simply refused to parrot the official party line. I have not yet met anyone who agreed with everything printed in the *Daily*, including myself, and yet I challenge anyone to substantiate the very serious charges which were made against the *Daily* staff. The crime for which the *Daily* is being punished can be termed 'thought-crime'; they had the audacity to stir up debate and thought on forbidden issues, to believe in and act upon the myth that we live in a vibrant, pluralist democracy...

The *Daily* served a vital function on campus. It was an *alternative* paper, believed to be an independent vehicle for students who wished to express themselves and their ideas, who wished to express their solidarity with oppressed peoples, or who simply wanted to learn what it takes to put out a paper. On the whole, it was an excellent paper, and the McGill community was richer for the opportunity to be exposed to something different from the pap we are daily fed by the commercial press.

During the past year, several incidents have caused me to review my somewhat naïve belief in the essential goodness of people. As a result of the Palestinian Issue of Nov. 28, for the first time in my life I received threatening telephone calls at home. I was followed one afternoon, and had to be escorted home; a tableful of young men in the Union cafeteria began to repeatedly shout "Bitch" as I passed by. During an interview with CFRM, there were shouts at Melinda Wittstock of "Melinda sucks cocks" — harassment, intimidation, everything but logic and thought. These are the people who won. Congratulations.

Ines Tewfik

A day in the *Daily* life

It was about ten in the morning and I was sitting at the front desk at the *Daily*, answering the phone and handling the classifieds and events. Staffing is usually boring, except when someone comes in to complain about something, which, despite what you may think, doesn't happen all that often.

The phone rang and I answered.

"Hello, McGill *Daily*, may I help you?"

"Uh...Hello...A couple of weeks back you had in your gay issue an article on straight parents of gay children...do you know anyone I could talk to about that...I don't want to talk to anyone face to face..."

She sounded slightly frantic, and although the *Daily* is not a referral service, I was determined to help her in any way I could.

"Just hold on a minute ma'am, I'll check."

I hit the hold button and yelled for Brendan. I explained the situation to him and as he went to the phone, I checked the Lesbian and Gay Issue for possible listings but found none.

I returned to find Brendan urging the woman to buy a copy of the *Body Politic*, a lesbian and gay publication where listings of this sort can be found. Suddenly his face changed. He said "hello?" into the phone twice before finally hanging it up. "What happened?" I asked.

"She hung up," replied Brendan, "I told her she could check a copy of *The Body Politic* but all she said was 'I know what I have to do. I should have done it a long time ago.' Then she hung up."

All of us were depressed. We had no idea what the woman planned to do and we all hoped she would calm down and refrain from anything drastic.

In the midst of my depression I felt a small spark of pride that it was the *Daily* that this woman had turned to in her moment of crisis, and that she felt that we would listen and be able to help her. Pride gave way to sadness over our failure to help her, and I became angry that there were those on campus who would deny us the right try to change the society that made that woman ashamed to be the mother of a homosexual child.

I am not ashamed to be a part of the *McGill Daily*, or to be a part of anything that challenges a system that made that woman feel the way she did. Perhaps we have made some errors this year, I don't think anyone will deny that. But I don't think the problem was what we covered but rather that we often let justifiable anger take control, forgetting in the heat of the moment that not all McGill students were quite as angry as we. I have often wished, as all of us in this windowless office have, that McGill students could see the need for anger and the need for change.

Perhaps what hurts the most is that so few of those who disliked the *Daily* took the time to attend even one staff meeting, let alone join the paper. Yet they seem to think that we have somehow failed to represent their views. How could we, when despite our best efforts, they consistently refused to come down and write for the *Daily*?

I can only close by saying that I am proud to be a member of this year's staff of the *McGill Daily* and that, if we have made some mistakes, we have a lot to be proud of as well. It is quite a difficult task to start and continue a newspaper for seventy-five years. It is no problem at all to destroy one.

J. Peter Nixon



Argyle, Topsiders and CV-Mongers: Student Life at McGill University

This year as in the past, the McGill *Daily* has chosen to adopt an editorial policy that has alienated much of campus.

While students wasted their energies attacking the fifty individuals who have volunteered their labour to produce McGill's largest student newspaper, the Senate of the University slapped a \$100 on all students, and the MSS president publicly stated on CBC radio that he supported tuition fee increases.

While students were up in arms, attacking the *Daily* for what they felt was a misuse of \$5.70 of their money, MSS used \$54 of every student's money to renovate the executive committee lounge, which is closed to most students, to install new urinals in the basement, and give James Green a vacation in L.A.

Meanwhile, the *Daily* tried to generate some constructive participation at McGill in issues that are relevant not only to students but to society as a whole. As students, not only do we have the means, but we have an obligation to question the validity of the society in which we live.

We must criticize our economic system and evaluate the role of McGill in upholding injustice in Canada. With high youth unemployment and little prospect of an affluent future, now is not a time for youth to hide behind a veil of conservatism. We must explore ways and means of righting an economic system that does not benefit youth.

We at the *Daily* have been continuously attacked for self-indulgence, for using the newspaper as our personal playground. We don't risk RCMP security files, tapped telephones, and customs blacklisting, to have access to a few journalistic swings and slides. We work on the newspaper and follow our principles in order to combat social injustice in Canada and within this university.

We are committed to examining these issues, and presenting them to the community. The impeachment referendum indicates that many McGill students would rather ignore these problems in our society than, at the least, discuss them.

Aurele Parisien

Adam Quastel

ANEQ fights planned tuition increases

by Anna Asimakopulos

Eight member associations of ANEQ held an emergency meeting last Saturday to decide their "counter-attack" to the provincial government's pro-

posed unfreezing of university tuition fees.

Two weeks ago, Minister of Finance Gérard Lévesque called for increased tuition fees and user fees for social services to help reduce the deficit.

The central council of ANEQ (Association nationale d'étudiant(e)s de Québec) had previously prepared six proposals for their "plan de riposte."

After lengthy debate and numerous amendments the proposals were adopted. They include that ANEQ call upon its members to sign a declaration stating that:

- the government renounce the unfreezing of tuition fees and recognize the place taken by universities in the social development in Québec and that following this line of thought,

the right to free education be established at some point in the future;

- that the government ensure adequate university financing;
- that the ministry of education render public, with as little delay as possible, its positions concerning university financing.

As well, the student association of the Université de Sherbrooke (AFEUS) proposed that in the event of a tuition fee increase that there be "activités de perturbation" when classes begin in September.

The AFEUS proposal included that there be a boycott of fall tuition fees. However, CUSA (Concordia University Students' Association) representative François Desrosiers claimed that taking such a decision at the Saturday meeting, without all of the

member associations present was undemocratic. After lengthy debate, the motion was amended as follows: "que l'ANEQ envisage un boycott des frais de scolarité lors de la rentrée de l'automne '86 et qu'elle statue au congrès d'Avril."

Other proposals adopted include that ANEQ and the local student associations organize a letter-writing campaign in daily and weekly newspapers.

Also, when the parliamentary commission studies the "credits" of the ministry of education, or on April 8, a large delegation of representatives from each member association of ANEQ is to make a presentation to the Ministère de l'éducation Supérieure et de la Science.

Another proposal adopted stated that if the parliamentary

commission on university financing is held next semester, a national demonstration will be organized in front of the Québec parliament.

A motion from AFEUS proposing a national day of action on April 3 to protest the unfreezing of tuition fees was defeated. Representatives from AGEUQAM (Association générale d'étudiant(e)s de l'Université de Québec à Montréal) claimed that they were too tired and would not have enough time to mobilize students.

There were no McGill representatives present at the conference — although Luc Joli-Coeur, VP External of McGill Students' Society, had previously stated in an interview with the *Daily* that he would attend the meeting.

classifieds

Ads may be placed through the daily, Room B03, Student Union Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m., two weekdays prior to publication.
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370 — RIDES

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Have you seen it? I ain't seen it! Halley's is all a hoax!

Cherche université francophone, les recherches auront lieu au Alley les 3 et 4 avril.

Found: myself kicked out by some zombies, would enjoy being kicked back in by some revolutionaries.

Lost: 55 Dailies. They used to be such fun, and the campus is so bland again. If found, please buy them a beer and stroke their egos.

374 — PERSONAL

Travel companion(s) needed for any part of Europe - India - Far East - Australia trip starting this spring. Minimal expenses, maximal adventure. Call George at 489-6725 (evenings).

Halley's Hoax—was it alcohol induced? Find out for yourself at KRT's Halley's Hoax Party. 620 Prince Arthur St. W. Friday March 21 Happy Hour 10-11.

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So, they told you acoustic music is dead—well, look again at *The Yellow Door Coffeehouse*, 3625 Aylmer St. Every other Friday & Saturday nights (and this is one of the 'active' weekends) at 9:00 p.m. Come to listen...

To the Initiators of the Impeachment referendum: May you be eaten by rabid mutant gerbils from the planet Kthanscu. —ancient Pushovian curse.

Just because several have proven themselves in thought, word, and deed to such is no reason to say so publicly—but the time has come. Oozing zits on the face of humankind; bleeding hemorrhoids on society's anus; malignant tumours in the student body—you know who you are. Students with any active thought processes will never forgive you. J. R.

To My Tiger Lily

It's easy for you to say, but I'm the one that has to walk around with the hickles scratches on my arms and nose.

Happy Belated St. Pat's Day

Susanna: how could Jerome, Michael and Richard not have fallen in love with you???...CIA

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All who were until recently *Daily* staff members are invited to Mont Ste-Hilaire as part of a new refuge program for endangered species (non-furbearing, sentient bipeds). Sponsored by Friends of the Forest Animals.

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387 — VOLUNTEERS

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389 — MUSICIANS WANTED

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Letter From The Four Student-Elected Members of the Daily Publications Society Board of Directors

The results of Referendum Question 12, concerning the dismissal of the staff of *The McGill Daily*, are as follows.

Yes	1,562
No	989
No Opinion	151
Spoiled	102

The Board of Directors officially received these results on Tuesday, 18 March 1986, after the production of this edition of *The McGill Daily*, and thereby effected the dismissal of the paper's staff. Prior to receiving the results, the Board decided *not* to suspend publication of the paper while a transitional staff is appointed and trained in the use of the equipment, but to ask the employees of the Daily Typesetting Shop to produce the newspaper using stories taken from the news exchange services of Canadian University Press and la Presse étudiante du Québec, of both of which *The McGill Daily* is a founding member. This decision was made in the interest of the long-term survival of the paper and of the Daily Publications Society. Features such as the "Letters" and "Events" sections will not appear during this period. All advertising, including classifieds, will appear as usual. Please note that editorial inquiries should *not* be addressed to the employees of the Daily Typesetting Shop: notices will be posted on the bulletin board outside the editorial offices of *The McGill Daily* (Union room B-03) regarding the resumption of regular editorial functions. Please be patient and supportive of the 75-year-old tradition which is *The McGill Daily* during this difficult transitional period.

As for the selection of the interim staff of the paper, we, the four student representatives to the Board of Directors, ask that any student interested in being appointed by us to the interim staff of five should leave us a letter of application in the Daily Business Office (Union room B-17 — office hours: 9h15-17h15). Your letter, which should be submitted as soon as possible and before Monday, March 25th 1986, should include your name, faculty and year, writing experience, and/or experience in the technical aspects of newspaper production, familiarity with machinery in the Daily offices, and a declaration of intention to abide by the statement of principles contained in Publications Society Bylaw 1, which will be posted on the bulletin board outside Union room B-03. We would like to remind all of those who voted to dismiss the staff you have, in doing so, undertaken the task of making the paper work, and should be among those submitting applications to us. Our decision will be posted as soon as it is made. Thereafter, all other students wishing to join the paper may do so. We thank you for your cooperation.

David Gibson
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